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BUCKINGHAM PLACE,
BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

19th March. 1912.

Dear Miss Whitney.

It is always such a
pleasure to hear from you, and
it is so kind of you to tell me
of this link between us! I shall
be so glad to make the acquaintance
of your friend, and will do
all I can to make

Mr. Dargan's visit to Brecon
pleasant. We have such a
beautiful country around
us, the valley of the Isk with
the Brecknock Beacons, the
highest hills in South Wales, as
a background, and I think
she would be quite

comfortable at the Castle Hotel.
I look forward with interest to
your friend's arrival.

The chief authority and
breeder of Welsh ponies, Mr. Miller,
is a very great friend of mine.
He is a Scotch farmer, who by
force of character and goodness
has attained a great position
here. He is a fine man, always
true to

the cause of womanhood and
all progressive causes, and I
know he will be delighted to
give Mr. Dargan all the in-
formation he can, & shew
her his farm on the hills.

I ceased to be Mayor last

9th Nov^{br} so have no title now -
during the year I was always
addressed & spoken of as "Her
worship".

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I was asked to continue in office
for another year, but I had worked
so very hard and it had all
been such a brilliant success,
that I thought it better to end
when it was all so satisfactory.

The women of Brecon have insisted
on having my portrait painted
for the Guild Hall, and it has
been done. My dear Lady Henry
Somerset (who

Spoke to me with affection of you!

arranged it all for me - the
artist, the pose & so on, and
watched & criticised the picture
as it grew to its infinite advantage.

She is so artistic and has such
technical knowledge of painting,

that I trusted her implicitly, &
no one knows me better - she
is quite satisfied with

the portrait from every point of view,
so I hope others may be. It is the
last form I should have chosen
for the presentation to take, but,
as I would not accept anything
for myself as plate, jewellery &c.,
and I insisted on its being something
for the town, I could not refuse
when I found how much they
liked my portrait to commemorate
the appointment as first woman

Morgan - note
Mayor in Wales. I am distressed by
your news of Louise Morgan Guiney!
She told me she had not been well - her
heart she said, but did not mention
ear trouble. That is sad! Wish she
were in rooms, or boarding with someone,
anything but the burden of a house.
She is so rare a spirit, so gifted, that
it is waste for her to be entangled in
everyday cares. Wish she had someone
to look after her. Hope you are well,
and may every blessing be yours!
With love. (May I sign myself?)
Yours affectionately
Gwendolyn E. F. Morgan.

Morgan - note